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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic.*

Edinburgh, Monday September 16, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, September 10.

Since our laſt arrived one Mail from France.

Madrid, Auguſt 31.

ON the 25th Inſtant, there were great Rejoicings at Court, that Day being the Anniverſary of the Birth of the Prince of Aſturias, and alſo the Feſtival of St. Lewis, whoſe Name that Prince bears, the Grandees and Miniſters were admitted to kiſs the Hand of his Royal Highneſs, who then entred the 17th Year of his Age; in the Afternoon the Court took the Diverſion of hunting, when many Stags were killed, particularly one by the Infant Don Carlos. Letters from Barcelona ſay, That the Marquis de Mary, who ſail'd from thence the 31ſt of July laſt, with Troops for Porto Longone, returned to that Port with his Squadron, and the former Garriſon of Porto Longone. Here is Advice from Melila, importing, That on the 7th of laſt Month in the Evening, The Governor cauſed a Salley to be made by 50 of the moſt reſolute Men of his Garriſon, being Criminals, who have been ſent thither from Spain, and 5 truſty Moors: about one in the Morning, this Detachment embarked on Board 3 ſmall Veſſels, and ſo got to the Rear of the Infidels, and attack'd them with ſo much Bravery, that tho the Centries gave them timely Notice, they were put to Flight. The Detachment of our Men was ſupported by 3 others, conſiſting of the beſt Troops of the Garriſon, who attack'd the Enemy in Front, and favoured by the Fire of the Town; they brought into the City 11 Heads of the Infidels, and two whole Bodies, which by their Habits ſeem to be Perſons of Diſtinction; The Spaniards had but two Men ſlightly wounded.

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From the Evening Poſt.

Caſſel, Auguſt 24.

The Landgrave of Heſſe Caſſel our Prince viewed all his Forces lately, they amount to 24000 Men, including Part of the Militia, and are ſo conveniently poſted, That in twice 24 Hours they may be drawn together in a Body ready to march. The Magiſtrates of Stockholm have ſent his Highneſs a very reſpectful Letter, wherein they return on the Part of that City, moſt humble Thanks for the large Bounty which he beſtowed upon the poor Sufferers by the late dreadful Fire.

Copenhagen, Sept. 4. Preparations are making for the Reception of Prince Maximilian of Heſſe Caſſel, the King of Sweden's Brother; Our King has ordered ſome time ago Major General Arnold, his Envoy at Stockholm, to invite that Prince to take his Way thro' this City on his Return to Germany, the ſaid Prince has accepted of that Invitation.

We have now ſix of the 1ſt and 2d Rate Men of War upon the Stocks, which Addition will put our Fleet in a better Condition than ever it has been.

An Expreſs from the King of Great Britain paſſed thro' this Place, this Week from Hanover on his Way to Stockholm; he ſtayed but a few Hours here till he had delivered his Letters to the Lord Glenorchy and General Bothmar; whereupon theſe two Miniſters repaired immediately to Court.

Hamburg, Sept. 7. Letters from Petersburg of the 20th Inſtant ſay, the Czar will be going to Moſcow about the Middle of this Month, becauſe an Expreſs is firſt expected from Aſtracan, and another from Conſtantinople, and that according to the News they bring, The Muſcovite Court is determined to take its Meaſures: However, the Order that has been given for draughting of 20 Men out of every Company in all the Regiments in Eſtonia, Livonia and Ingermanland, continues ſtill in Force: The Purpoſe of it being to form a Body to be commanded by Prince Galiczin, to enable him more effectually to bring Prince Miriweys to Reaſon. Theſe Letters adde, that by the laſt Letters from Perſia, it was very ſurpriſing to hear what Numbers of German Officers are got and daily going into Miriweys Army: And that that that Prince is continually buſied in exerciſing ſeveral of his Regiments after the European Diſcipline. There are at preſent four large Ships upon the Stocks at Petersburg to be launched before next Winter.

Hanover, Sept. 7. The King of Great Britain diverts himſelf twice a Week in ſhooting of Partridges. The Day is not yet fixed when his Majeſty will ſet out for the Court of Berlin, where 'tis ſaid he will ſtay but a few Days, and go directly from thence to the Ghore, to take there the uſual Diverſion of Stag-hunting.

From the Boſtoun Courant, June 24.

They write from Newbury in New-England, June 24, That a Serpent was killed there ſome Days before about two Foot long, having two perfect Heads at each End; in each Head were two Eyes and a Mouth, a forked Tongue, or as is commonly reported a forked Sting, both which he thruſted out at the ſame time with equal Fierceneſs. The Manner of his Defence was by raiſing his Heads about two Inches from the Ground, always keeping one directly towards his Adverſary, and thruſting out both his Stings at once. When he was running if his Motion was obſtructed one Way, he would run directly the contrary Way without turning his Body. One Head was ſome what bigger than the other, and from the

the biggeſt to the leaſt, his Body was tapper wiſe. This Matter is well atteſted. The Creature is kill'd, and expoſed to the View and Speculation of the Curious.

From the Weekly Journal, or Saturdays Poſt.

We are adviſed from the Hague, That the Eaſt India Company have obtain'd of the States General all they deſired in their 1ſt Memorial, one Requeſt of which is ſaid to be, That they may be empowered to redreſs themſelves; in Conſequence of which, 'tis ſaid they will take the Oſtend Ships, and of Conſequence, the others will make Repriſals: And 'tis thought, if the Emperor does not find himſelf ſtrong enough to make Repriſal by Sea he will think it but juſt to do it by Land, ſo that this muſt be the Beginning of a War. In the mean time it is reported, that the Oſtenders have greater Things in View than they have yet declar'd, and that ſome Settlements are deſigned in certain Parts of America; and its alſo ſuſpected, that the Portugueſe have privately ſome Concern in this New Company.

London, Sept. 6. It has been reportedhere, That at the Meeting of the Iriſh Parliament, a Tax of one hundred thouſand Pounds would be propoſed to be levied upon the Roman Catholicks of that Kingdom for the enſuing Year: But it is a Report that meets with no Credit, there being many Reaſons againſt it.

Firſt, That Kingdom being much confined in its Trade, ſo great a Draught of Money at once would be more than it could well bear; ſhe is the younger Siſter of Great Britain, and in the Advantages of the Traffick we allow her but a younger Siſter's Portion.

Secondly, By the beſt Computation we find, the whole yearly Income of all the Roman Catholicks Eſtates in that Kingdom does not amount to above eighty thouſand Pounds.

I will tell a Story, though perhaps, it may be nothing to the Purpoſe. The Republick of Genoa formerly put it ſelf under the Protection of the Dukes of Milan, under whom it lived in all imaginable Tranquillity and Happineſs, till the Time of Duke Lodovic Forza, who taxed the Genoeſe in a very great Sum of Money, and ſent his Agent to Genoa to receive the ſaid Tax. A Nobleman of that City invited his Agent to an Entertainment, and after Dinner, carried him into his Garden, and there ſhewed him a certain Herb called *Baſil*, which, by gently ſtroking with the Hand, yielded a moſt flagrant and delightful Scent, but if it was ſqueezed with any Violence, grew extreamly Offenſive: Thus ſays he, will Genoa be to Milain, always pleaſant till ſhe is ſqueezed, and then, perhaps, ſhe may grow Offenſive. But the Milaneſe needed not this Advice; he raiſed the Tax, and Genoa ſoon after changed her Guardian and put her ſelf under the Protection of Spain.

But the Caſe is not the ſame with this Kingdom, which cannot be taxed but by it ſelf That is, by its Parliament choſen by its Natives: And if the Gentlemen who make up the Houſe of Commons find, that a Repletion of Wealth is at preſent, the natural Grievance of that Country, it is certainly their Duty to Eaſe them, and it will be but prudent to levy the Money in ſuch a Manner, that thoſe who give it may bear no Share in the Tax.

Letters from Gloceſter give us an Account, That a Party of Honnywoods Dragoons meeting with 3 Tradeſmen on the Road unarmed, who were riding that Way upon their private Occaſions, fell upon the Latter and left them for dead

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From the London Gazette, Sept. 10.

Stockholm, Auguſt 21. The Diet for this laſt Week has been employed in ſettling the Method the moſt proper for the Choice of the Preſidents of the ſeveral Colleges. It has been debated whether the Right of Election is in the States or in the King, ſince the Act which ſettled the preſent Form of Government is not clear as to that Particular. A Committee to whom it was referred, have this Day declared, *That the ſaid Election could not in Reality belong to the States by Vertue of the Form of Government, but foraſmuch as the Office of Preſident is of as great Conſequence as that of Senator, they conceived the States had a Privilege to aſſume to themſelves that Power, which is neither directly given to, nor taken from the King.* Accordingly it has been reſolved, *That a Committee of* 24 *of the Nobility, and* 12 *of each of the other Three Orders ſhould be choſen, and after being Sworn to proceed without Favour or Affection, they are to name* 3 *Perſons to each vacant Place, in order to their being propoſed to the King to make Choice of one of thoſe Three to fill it. The great Committee which at the Beginning of the Diet was appointed to examine into the Merits of all the Military Officers, and alſo to determine the reſpective Claims of ſuch as have been Priſoners, finiſhed that Affair about* 12 *Days ago, and the States have ſince confirmed their Deciſion. The States have added* 15000 *Dollars to the Allowance for the King's Table, and it is ſaid that the Augmentation of his Majeſty's Revenue this Seſſion, will in the whole amount to* 100,000 *Dollars a Year more than he has hitherto had. It is ſaid, That the ſeveral Committees of the States are now directed to receive no new Memorials of any Kind hereafter and that whatever Matters they cannot finiſh by the End of next Week, ſhall be remitted to the reſpective Colleges or Courts where they ought to be determined in the ordinary Forms; ſo that it is conjectured the preſent Seſſion will not continue at furtheſt above a Month longer.*

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Whitehall, Sept. 9. An humble Addreſs to his Majeſty from the Governour, the Commiſſion-Officers of the Garriſon, and the Officers of the three Companies of Militia of the Iſland of New-Province in America, has been tranſmitted hither by George Phenrig, Eſq; the Governour, in order to be preſented to his Majeſty.

Conſtantinople, July 25. We have received certain Advice from the Baſhaw of Erzerum, who is Seraskier in thoſe Parts, That he having drawn together a Body of Troops, purſuant to an Order from the Porte, had advanced to Teflis, and poſſeſſed himſelf not only of that Place, but of the whole Province of Georgia and its Dependencies, without Oppoſition. Upon the Arrival of this Advice here, it was declared, that the Porte had taken Poſſeſſion of that Country, both becauſe the People had demanded their Protection, and becauſe they found it neceſſary for the Security of their Empire. We are in Expectation to hear of the further Progreſs of the Baſhaw of Erzerum, who its ſaid has Orders to continue his March into Schirvan, Erivan, and other Frontier Provinces of Perſia, lying convenient for the Porte; which Provinces he will probably ſubdue without drawing Sword: It is alſo ſaid, that Orders are ſent to the Baſhaw of Bagdad to advance towards Iſpahan with another Body of Troops.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 10.

THEY write from Bruſſels, That all the Monaſtic Tribes are in extraordinary Motion, on account of the Emperor's circular Letters to all the Biſhops, Chapters and Convents in that Country, to prepare a Draught of their Grievances againſt the States General, concerning the Eccleſiaſtical Revenues under their High Mightineſſes Government; of which, 'tis inſiſted, the ſaid Eccleſiaſtics ought to have the entire and free Enjoyment, purſuant to the Treaty of Munſter.

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'Tis conjectured, that the Emperor is seeking some Pretence or other, the better to ground Matters for Compiaint, under the present Juncture of Affairs, against the Dutch.

They write from Heidelberg, That the Jesuites pretend to shew, by the Treaty of Westphalia, that all Contracts between a Prince and his Subjects in the Empire, are precarious, and may be broke at any Time. But 'tis hard to be conjectured, that any can be guilty of advancing such an absurd and ridiculous Position. On the other hand, we doubt not but the Roman Catholic Princes, from the Interposition of the Kings of Great Britain and Prussia, will at last find themselves oblig'd to give Satisfaction to their Protestant Subjects, according to the Laws of the Empire.

The States of Holland were to meet again the 14th Instant, when perhaps they will come to a Conclusion relating to the Affair of the Ostend East India Company; whose Subscriptions continue at the former Premium of 15 *per Cent.* and their general Court is put off to the 6th of October.

Letters from Francfort remark, That there are now 40000 French in Alsatia, and likewise, That they are raising there a Regiment of Hussars; which occasions much Speculation.

Letters from Berlin say, That the King of Prussia has ordered a Day of Fasting and Prayer to be observed this Month throughout all his Dominions. They add, That his Majesty has appointed the Count de Trokses to go and compliment the Emperor on his Coronation.

John Greenwood, Esq; lately our Consul at Leghorn, died of a Consumption the 20th past at Naples, whither he had been to enjoy the Benefit of the Air for his Recovery.

On Sunday last died at his House in Poland-street, Colonel Villiers, Uncle to the Rt. Honourable John Villiers Earl of Grandison.

They write from Dover, That on the 6th Instant in the Morning, the Duke and Dutchess Dowager of Buckingham sailed thence in the Packet-boat for Calais, with Dr. Chamberlen and Mr. Mead the Banker; and on the 7th, the Lord Perceval and his Lady landed there from Calais; as did also the same Night the Earl of Peterborow: And on the 8th the Countess of Sandwich sailed for Calais.

The Pyrate ship who took the Cassandra, being given by the Pyrates to the Captain of the said Cassandra, to carry him to London, was, on her Arrival, arrested this Week by the Owners, by whom she was employed to trade to the West Indies.

Our Merchants have Advice, That the Ship Esprito, bound from Portugal to Brasil, was lately taken and carried in to Algiers by the Rovers of that Place; and that several Dutch Ships had met with the same Fate.

'Tis said, That some Persons will be punished this Week in the Camp, pursuant to the Sentence of a Court Martial.

Last Saturday the Coroner's Inquest sate on the Body of Mr. Hare, lately killed at East Acton by Cornet Baker, when they brought in their Verdict *Wilfull Murder.*

We have the good News, of the Arrival Yesterday in the Downs of near 30 Sail of Homeward-bound Ships from the West Indies, Italy, Spain and Portugal and all of them so fortunate as to escape the Pyrates.

The Proprietors of the S. S. Company were in hopes, that the Estates of the late Directors, together with the Stock, will raise two Millions, exclusive of the Charges. If this should prove true, 'twill make a handsom Addition to every 200 *L.* Capital Stock: But how soon this Affair will be dispatched, we cannot yet say.

The Sale of the Estates of the late Directors, of whom, we hear, 16 or 18 are discharged by the Barons of Exchequer, they having complied with the late Act of Parliament, has been suspended for some Time; but, 'tis reported, will soon be renewed.

The Stock of the above Company continues at 110 *per Cent.*

Haddingtoun, September 13.

Best Wheat, 07 *L.* 8 *sh.* 00 *d.*	2d. *Ditto*, 07 *L.* 00 *sh.*	3d. *Ditto*, 06 *L.* 14 *sh.*
Best Bear, 6 *L.* 13 *sh.* 4 *d.*	2d *Ditto*, 06 *L.* 10 *sh.*	3d. *Ditto*, 06 *L.*
Best Oats 05 *L.* 08 *sh.* 00 *d.*	2d. *Ditto*, 05 *L.* 02 *sh.*	3d. *Ditto*, 05 *L.*
Best Pease 06 *L.* 00 *sh.* 00 *d.*	2d. *Ditto*, 05 *L.* 16 *sh.*	3d *Ditto*, 5 *L.* 12 *sh.*

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Page 321, *Line* 33 of this Day's *Mercury*, in some Copies, for *Flagrant*, read *Fragrant*; and *Line* 36 of the same Page, for *Needed*, read *Heeded*.

THAT on Thurſday *the third of* October *next, there is to be run for at the Town of* Lanerk, *a Piece of Silver Plate of twelve Pounds* Sterling *Value, by any Horſe, Mare or Guelding, carrying eight* Scots *Stone; the beſt of three Heats round the Courſe that ſhall be marked out.*

Any Horſe that wins two Heats, and ſaves his Diſtance the third Heat, wins the Plate: In caſe the three Heats be wone by three different Horſes, they are to run the fourth Heat for the Plate.

Any Horſe that is diſtanced can run no more, nor have Pretenſions to the Plate.

Each Rider is to take off his own Saddle and Bridle, and carry them to the Scales immediatly after each Heat; and if any Rider be a Pound under Weight, he loſes the Plate.

All Horſes that run for this Plate, are to be in the Town of Lanerk *on or before the Laſt of* September; *and keept there till the Day of running.*

The Horſes that run for this Plate muſt be book'd, being two at leaſt, belonging to different Perſons without Colluſion, on the Monday *at fartheſt before the Race by the Clerk of the Town, paying five Pound* Sterling *amongſt them by equal Proportions.*

The Horſes are to ſtart between Twelve and Two, at the Warning of the Drum.

No Croſſing nor Joſtling to be allowed; all Differences to be determined by Judges named by the Magiſtrats.

†*† *On* Friday *the Fourth of* October *next, there is a Piece of Silver Plate, of five Pound* Sterling *Value, to be run for at the Town of* Lanerk, *by any Horſe, Mare or Guelding, carrying eight* Scots *Stone: the beſt of three Heats round the Courſe that ſhall be marked.*

All the Horſes that run for the ſaid Plate, are to be in the Town of Lanerk *on or before the Second of* October *next; and to be kept in the Town till the Day of running.*

The Horſes that run for this Plate muſt be booked, being two at leaſt, belonging to different Perſons without Colluſion, by the Clerk of the Town, on the Thurſday *before the Race, paying fourty Shillings* Sterling *amongſt them by equal Proportions.*

The other Articles in the firſt Race, are to be obſerved in the ſecond Race.

*** *That on* Tueſday *the eight of* October *next, by Warrand of the Magiſtrats of* Leith, *There is to be ſold by Way of publick Roup, in the Houſe of Ms.* Innes *on the Shoar of* Leith, *betwixt the Hours of Three and Four Afternoon, by the Creditors of the deceaſt* Thomas Mayo, *a convenient Dwelling Houſe, Rope Work and Pertinents, lying in the Links of* Leith, *near the Saw Mill, preſently poſſeſt by* John Gray *Rope Maker there: The Conditions of the Roup are to be ſeen at the Clerk's Chamber in* Leith.

*** That the yearly Mercat called St. *Matthew's* Fair holds at *Path-head* the 25th of *September* Inſtant, for Linnen and Wollen Cloth, Horſe, Nolt, Sheep, and other Merchandize, Cuſtome Free: Where will be Horſe and Foot Races for Diverſion; and particularly one for a Fore-hammer and a Crown to be run for by Smiths with their Aprons on.

†††† The Truſtees to whom Colonel *James Johnſtoun* alias *Ruthven* has diſponed his Effects for the Behoof of his Creditors, hereby gives Notice to all the Creditors of the ſaid Colonel *James Johnſtoun*, that they give in the Vouchers and Inſtructions of their Debts to *William Johnſtoun* Writer in *Edinburgh*, Clerk to the ſaids Truſtees, at Mr. *James Baillie* Writer to the Signet his Chamber, above the Exchange Coffee Houſe, at leaſt betwixt and the Tenth Day of *October* next, to the Effect, that Aſſignations of their ſeveral Claims may be drawn in Favours of the Truſtees, for carrying on ſuch Diligence againſt the Eſtate as ſhall be thought neceſſary; and for ſaving Charges, preventing Competitions, and one Creditor's excluding another.

*** That there is to be ſold a good Milk Aſs, which foal'd on the 9th of *Sept.* Inſtant. Any Perſon who has a Mind to buy the ſaid Aſs may enquire for *George Purdie* in the *Exchange Coffee-houſe*, who will inform them anent her.

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